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SUBJECT: PREPCON

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1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH ABDULHADY TAHER, GOVERNOR OF PETROMIN ON SEPT. 13. TAHER WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON WOULD PROBABLY PAY A VISIT TO THE KINGDOM AND ASKED FOR AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE OF HIS ARRIVAL AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN DISCUSSING THE PREPCON, TAHER CONFIRMED THAT THE SAG HAS RECEIVED THE FRENCH NOTE, AND THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE FOURTH COMMISSION. THESE MIGHT STEM FROM THE FRENCH/ARABIC TRANSLATION, WHICH WAS POOR. THE SAG IS TELLING THE FRENCH, HOWEVER, THAT IT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO MATTERS OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF THE IMF/IBRD. WHEN AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT WE HAD HEARD GOVERNOR OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN MONETARY AGENCY HAD MADE OPPOSITE POINT, TAHER REVERTED TO POSITION THAT PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE WAS TO BRING OUT VARIOUS SERIOUS VIEWS, BUT WOULD NOT DEGENERATE INTO TRIVIA. SAG ALSO OBJECTS TO TERMINOLOGY IMPLYING THAT FOURTH COMMISSION MEMBERS WILL COME FROM OTHER
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THREE COMMISSIONS. DELEGATES TO OTHER COMMISSIONS WOULD

PROBABLY NOT HAVE FINANCIAL EXPERTISE. (TRANSLATION
MAY HAVE CONFUSED DESIGNATION OF COUNTRY WITH DELEGATES).

3. TAHER REPORTED THAT IN THE RECENT MEETING OF THE
SEVEN HE AND OTHERS WERE TOLD INFORMALLY THAT THE
CONSUMERS WERE CONCERNED THAT THE CONFERENCE COULD BE
STYMIED BY VETOES OF COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE MALDIVE
ISLANDS. HE SAID THERE IS NO INTENTION ON THE PART OF
THE SEVEN TO SEE INCONSEQUENTIAL COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN
THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER MEETING-MUCH LESS TO ALLOW THEM
VETO POWER. THE SAG, FOR ONE, WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE
THE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS AND WOULD OPPOSE RULES WHICH
WOULD ENSURE PARALYSIS.

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